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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-wavelength light source unit for use in an optical communication system, comprising:

a demultiplexer having an input port configured to receive a multiplexed light signal and a plurality of output ports ~~for configured to demultiplexing~~ the multiplexed light signal into a plurality of lights having different wavelengths, ~~so that the~~ and configured to output respective demultiplexed light with a predetermined wavelength ~~are output from the output ports;~~

a multiplexer having a plurality of input ports ~~nd configured~~ to receive the demultiplexed lights; and an output port, ~~for configured to multiplexing~~ the demultiplexed lights into the multiplexed light signal, ~~so that~~ and configured to output the multiplexed light signal ~~is output from the output port of the multiplexer,~~ the plurality of input ports of the multiplexer being respectively port-to-port connectable to each one of the plurality of output ports of the demultiplexer;

a plurality of semiconductor optical amplifiers each disposed between the output ports of the demultiplexer and the input ports of the multiplexer, the semiconductor optical amplifiers being configured to ~~for amplifying~~ the demultiplexed lights output from the demultiplexer; and

a plurality of beam splitters each disposed between the semiconductor optical amplifiers and the input ports of the multiplexer, the beam splitters being configured to ~~for splitting~~ the amplified demultiplexed lights into two parts, ~~so as~~ and being configured to provide the respective input ports of the multiplexer with a split part of the lights, while to transmit the other split part of the lights out of the beam splitters;

an optical band-pass filter disposed between the input port of the demultiplexer and the

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output port of the multiplexer, the optical band pass filter being configured to pass to the demultiplexer the light signal only in a predetermined wavelength band of the multiplexed light signal from the multiplexer; and

an optical isolator being disposed between the optical band-pass filter and the multiplexer, the optical isolator being configured to block the light signal component reflected to the multiplexer from the optical band-pass filter.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The multi-wavelength light source unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein the multiplexer includes optical arrayed waveguide gratings having a planar lightguide circuit structure.

6. (Original) The multi-wavelength light source unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein the multiplexer includes an 1 x N optical coupler.

7. (Original) The multi-wavelength light source unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein the demultiplexer includes optical arrayed waveguide gratings having a planar lightguide circuit structure.

8. (Currently Amended) A multi-wavelength light source unit, comprising:
a demultiplexer arranged to demultiplex a multiplexed light signal into a plurality of lights having different wavelengths;
a multiplexer arranged to multiplex the demultiplexed lights into the multiplexed light signal;

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a plurality of semiconductor optical amplifiers arranged to amplify the demultiplexed lights output from the demultiplexer; and

a plurality of beam splitters arranged to provide at least a portion of one or more of the amplified demultiplexed lights to the multiplexer;

an optical band-pass filter arranged to pass to the demultiplexer the light signal only in a predetermined wavelength band of the multiplexed light signal from the multiplexer; and

an optical isolator being interposed between the optical band pass filter and the multiplexer, the optical isolator being arranged to block the light signal component reflected to the multiplexer from the optical band-pass filter.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The multi-wavelength light source unit as set forth in claim 8, wherein the multiplexer includes optical arrayed waveguide gratings having a planar lightguide circuit structure.

13. (Original) The multi-wavelength light source unit as set forth in claim 8, wherein the multiplexer includes a 1 x N optical coupler.

14. (Original) The multi-wavelength light source unit as set forth in claim 8, wherein the demultiplexer includes optical arrayed waveguide gratings having a planar lightguide circuit structure.